

based operator, at John Wayne Airport in Orange County, California and in 2009 he established the Lyon Air Museum to preserve and promote the memory of WWII and "The Greatest Generation."

It is hard to imagine that General Lyon would have any free time on his hands yet he always found time for his community. He currently serves as a Director on the Segerstrom Center for the Arts Board, having been a former Chairman of that Board. General Lyon is the founding Chairman of the Orangewood Children's Foundation, and past Chairman of Boy Scouts of America, Orange County Council. Additionally, he has served as Board Chairman of the Alexis de Tocqueville Society of The United Way.

Throughout General Lyon's incredible life he has been loved and supported by his wonderful family including his wife Willa Dean Lyon, and children, Christine Lyon Rhoades, Mary Susan Lyon Isola, William H. Lyon, Marcia Stone and Byron Russell.

We have come to know General Lyon well through many years working together on a variety of projects in California. We can all personally attest to General Lyon's incredible work-ethic, professionalism, and positive attitude. In light of all General Lyon has done for southern California and our country, it is only fitting that he be honored as he celebrates his 90th birthday. General Lyon's honorable service to our country and tireless passion for public service has contributed immensely to the betterment of our country, state and community. We are proud to call him a fellow community member, American and friend. I know that many people are grateful for his service and salute him on this great milestone.

SUPPORTING PUBLIC SCHOOL WEEK

HON. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 6, 2013

Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Public School Week. This weeklong series of events is designed to inform and transform the civic conversation around public education. In order for America to lead in the 21st century, our foremost social and economic imperative should be to provide a quality education to all of our students.

In my city of Dallas, four magnet schools were identified as Blue Ribbon schools. These four Dallas Independent School District (ISD) schools are the Environmental Science Academy, the Townview School of Science and Engineering Magnet High School, the Rosie M. Collins Sorrells School of Education and the Social Services Magnet High School and Irma Lerma Rangel Young Women's Leadership School. Being identified as a Blue Ribbon school means they are among the finest schools in the country, and I am proud of these four stellar institutions and others like them.

Townview Magnet is one of the most diverse schools in Texas, with minorities representing over half of the student population. Townview is a gem in my Congressional district and home to some of the Nation's best and brightest students. Newsweek Magazine

has consistently rated Townview's Science and Engineering Magnet as one of the top high schools in the Nation. Townview serves as a model for other institutions of learning across the country.

Mr. Speaker, many of our best and our brightest students attend public schools and with encouragement and support from their principals and teachers they are capable of achieving remarkable success. We cannot allow our schools to lose the critical funding they need to operate simply because we as a Congress cannot work together to solve sequestration. Texas is poised to lose approximately \$67.8 million for primary and secondary education, putting around 930 teacher and aide jobs at risk. In addition about 172,000 fewer students would be served and approximately 280 fewer schools would receive funding.

Mr. Speaker, supporting our Nation's public schools will help us out-educate, out-innovate, and out-build the rest of the world. We must identify ways to help improve schools like these that provide educational excellence to our communities. We must not waver in our commitment to our children and the future of this country.

HARROWISM! IN HONOR OF TEAM LEADER CAPTAIN BENJAMIN CONRAD HARROW 7TH SPECIAL FORCES GROUP THE UNITED STATES ARMY

HON. CHRISTOPHER P. GIBSON

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 6, 2013

Mr. GIBSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of Team Leader Captain Benjamin Harrow of The United States Army, 7th Special Forces Group, Green Berets. On May 15, 2012 while out on patrol, an IED explosion almost left Benjamin mortally wounded. Losing both of his legs and sustaining numerous other life threatening injuries he has come back from the dead. Already in such a short time his recovery is at full speed ahead. With the help of his and her family and his lovely wife Gina and son Peyton, he has found the strength and inspiration to heal. Spend a little time with Ben, and you will understand why he became Team Leader of one of our Nation's elite members of The Special Forces Group 7. Ben is a graduate of The United States Military Academy at West Point. He was a star lacrosse player for Army. I submit this poem penned in his honor by Albert Caswell.

HARROWISM!

A hero!
And from where do they all so come?
Men of honor,
who so walk upon battlefields of death . . .
as Thy Kingdom Come!
And all of those who from out of the ashes,
rebuild their lives with not much left who
have begun . . .
As when they come back home all in this
most magnificent quests!
Indeed, these are but America's most heroic
of all sons who so bless!
Who so go off to war where angels so fear to
tread . . .
Who for all of us heroically have so died,
and bled!
And come back home so very close to death!

To somehow lift up their fine heads!
All in what their most magnificent hearts
have so said!
Armed, with but only their Harrowism which
so beats within their chests!
As from out of all of this darkness,
they must now so pass that test!
To so summon up,
all of the courage and the strength To But
Be The Best!
Oh what A Special Force this is no less!
As they come back home so cheating death!
As we so watch all in such awe as we lose our
breath!
As they rise up to so teach us all about
Harrowism no less!
As high above all others they now stand so
yes!
Heroes!
Because, Heroes come in all shapes and sizes!
But, it's what's within their great hearts
that which so comprises!
But who they are!
Moving all out into that darkness of death
all at light speeds,
as their fine hearts so crest!
As out across a nation,
a mother now so weeps in her sorrow . . .
All because for us,
her most precious son gave up his tomor-
row's yes!
For they lead!
And we will follow!
And ah yes,
for these are but such a special breed who in
pity will not so wallow!
And then there is a special breed,
The Special Forces!
A SPECIAL FORCE of nature so complete!
As all throughout their veins their most he-
roic blood beats!
The ones who the enemy so fears,
and so heed's!
Who upon battlefields of honor bright,
come all at them fast breaking all at such
speeds!
The ones who can not so be checked,
by any enemy!
Whose most selfless souls,
now so make the angels weep!
As we so pray to our Lord,
to watch over them to keep!
And for all of those ones,
who must now come back home on this night
. . .
Who must now begin their new most gallant
of all fights . . .
All on that hard road to recovery,
as we watch their brave hearts so ignite!
Men without arms and legs,
who so teach us all about faith!
Whose families,
so give to them the strength to meet each
new coming day!
Who now so stand with tears in eyes!
As before them all in pieces their loved ones
lie!
As these Heroes so touch our hearts and
souls,
with but all of their most amazing grace as
we behold!
To so show to this our world how Angels are
made!
For these are men of such courage and con-
viction!
And of such undying faith we are so wit-
nessing!
Rising up from the ashes,
Who All In The Game of Life so lead the way
. . .
All in what their most precious lives have to
say!
And, from out of all our Nation's Academes
. . .
But, have come our Nation's very best!

Magnificent men and women,
who all so live and die to so make a difference no less!

Fast breaking on battlefields of honor and in hospital beds,
all at light speeds with their fine hearts and heads which can not so be checked!
Whose Harrowism, our hearts so bless!
And whose fine families must bare the greatest of all burdens so yes!

Because, The Special Forces . . .
are but everything that Superman so wishes he could be!

Who come back home without arms and legs,
to so teach us how men of honor behave!
As we so watch them rebuild their lives,
when they but lie just moments away from the grave!

As ever onward they so stride,
with but tears in their eyes!
As their gaits have gotten stronger, as their days have gotten longer!
Reaching for the highest of all heights, as do they!

Benjamin, an American Harrow!
And as a Captain and a Team Leader of Special Forces,
whose heart and soul runs so very deep as through him so course's!
A man who is Army Strong!
Whose fine life is but like a song!
A song of God and Family,
and all about his beloved Country Tis of Thee . . .

To a place where valor and faith all so meet!
As West Point,
would so anoint such a hero who lives on!
The kind of man that General Mahollen,
would so love to march along!
Whether, on fields of green . . .
or as a lacrosse player you were seen!
Or on battlefields of honor bright,
Big Ben would always lead!
For he was built for honor,
and he was built for speed!

As a winner In the Game of Life,
and in all of his deeds!
The kind of man that even General MacArthur,
as a hero would so concede!

As Big Ben,
America's son you live by such a fine heroes creed!

A Real American Harrow,
who upon all of us your light we so see . . .
As it was on that fateful day,
when IED Ben almost took your most heroic life away . . .

As when you awoke,
as what to your most heroic heart spoke!
As upon your face,
your most heroic tears were invoked to fight on that day . . .

All for the love of your life . . .
your lovely devoted wife Gina,
and that future lacrosse player son Peyton you chose to stay!

Rising up from the ashes as would you so Green Beret!

As once again,
your strong heart is leading out in front the way!

All out on that rocky road to recovery!
All in what your Harrowism has so to say!
To So Teach Us!
To So Beseech Us!
To So Reach Us,
and Grab Our Hearts in every way!

Because, Real Heroes Hearts Never Fade!
Oh, what a Special Force Ben you are in so every way!

And if ever I had a son,
I wish he could be as half as courageous as this one . . .

Who so stands more than a man in today!

Because Big Ben you've got the ball,
and you are fast breaking to recovery . . .

So we better clear out,
and get out of your way!

As we so watch this Special Force called Harrowism,

and so see of what you are made!
Showing us all,

that arms and legs we all need!
But, we can get by!

But,
without a most heroic heart we will so surely die!

Better To Die For Something,
or lose your strong arms and legs . . .
Then, live for nothing in regret in your last days!

Better To Be An American Harrow In Life,
and Lead The Way!
Because in Heaven,
you need not arms or legs . . .
And that's where Big Ben you are going one day!

In these, the moments of our lives . . .
what have we've so done and so strived?
Will we be the ones to courage find?
Will we have the right stuff to go so very deep down inside?

To walk through the valley of death,
or come back home with but not much left . . .

And somehow new mountains so climb!

Could we be a Hero's Hero?

And be the ones to such Harrowism find?

As Big Ben,
an American Hero who so shines!

SENATE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Title IV of Senate Resolution 4, agreed to by the Senate of February 4, 1977, calls for establishment of a system for a computerized schedule of all meetings and hearings of Senate committees, subcommittees, joint committees, and committees of conference. This title requires all such committees to notify the Office of the Senate Daily Digest—designated by the Rules Committee—of the time, place and purpose of the meetings, when scheduled and any cancellations or changes in the meetings as they occur.

As an additional procedure along with the computerization of this information, the Office of the Senate Daily Digest will prepare this information for printing in the Extensions of Remarks section of the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD on Monday and Wednesday of each week.

Meetings scheduled for Thursday, March 7, 2013 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's RECORD.

MEETINGS SCHEDULED

MARCH 12

9:30 a.m.

Committee on Armed Services

To hold hearings to examine the U.S. Strategic Command and U.S. Cyber Command in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2014 and the Future Years Defense Program; with the possibility of a closed session in SVC-217 following the open session.

SD-G50

10 a.m.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs

To hold hearings to examine the nominations of Richard Cordray, of Ohio, to be

Director, Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection, and Mary Jo White, of New York, to be a Member of the Securities and Exchange Commission.

SD-538

Select Committee on Intelligence

To hold hearings to examine certain intelligence matters.

SH-216

2:30 p.m.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation

To hold an oversight hearing to examine the Federal Communications Commission.

SR-253

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

Subcommittee on Employment and Workplace Safety

To hold hearings to examine Job Corps budget shortfall, focusing on safeguarding workforce training for America's disconnected youth.

SD-430

MARCH 13

10 a.m.

Committee on Armed Services

Subcommittee on Personnel

To hold hearings to examine sexual assaults in the military.

SH-216

Committee on Foreign Relations

To hold closed hearings to examine strategic counterterrorism, focusing on meeting current and emerging challenges.

TBA

Committee on the Judiciary

To hold hearings to examine fulfilling the promise of open government five years after the "OPEN Government Act".

SD-226

Committee on Veterans' Affairs

To hold hearings to examine Veterans' Affairs (VA) claims process, focusing on a review of Veterans' Affairs transformation efforts.

SR-418

2 p.m.

Special Committee on Aging

To hold hearings to examine Jamaican phone fraud targeting seniors.

SD-562

2:30 p.m.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

To hold hearings to examine the costs and impacts of crisis budgeting.

SD-342

MARCH 14

10:30 a.m.

Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship

To hold hearings to examine helping small businesses weather economic challenges and natural disasters, focusing on a review of legislative proposals on access to capital and disaster recovery.

SR-428A

2:30 p.m.

Select Committee on Intelligence

To hold closed hearings to examine certain intelligence matters.

SH-219

MARCH 19

9:30 a.m.

Committee on Armed Services

To hold hearings to examine U.S. European Command, U.S. Northern Command, and U.S. Southern Command in review of the Defense Authorization